

Appl. No. 09/758,026
Amdt. dated November 26, 2003
Reply to Office Action of June 3, 2003

INTERVIEW STATEMENT

The courtesies extended by Examiner Jackson during the recent telephone interview held on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 are appreciated. The purpose of the telephonic interview was to discuss the prior art of record, the status of the claims and proposed amendments to the claims for purposes of allowance. Specifically, the status of independent claim 1 was discussed, as well as the proposed amendment, and the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,193,924 to Huse.

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003 and the telephonic interview held with Examiner Jackson. Pursuant to the discussion with Examiner Jackson, claim 1 has been amended, and is believed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of rejections of Claims 1-8 and 19-20 as amended are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Claim 1-12, and 19-20 patentably and unobviously distinguish over the references of record and are in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. In the event additional fees or extensions are required, the Examiner is authorized to treat this letter as a request for further extensions and to charge deposit account 03-0172.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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